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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

In baseball terms, the weather man threw a slider at us Sunday night and we awoke Monday morning to a crisp thirty-two thermometer reading . . . and frost. I had not expected the first frost until next week, but from the bountiful beauty of Downtown Vera to the Glittering Heights of Metropolitan Martha Street, Fall is with us. For sure, it has warmed up a bit since that first frost, but fall is here and we face such decisions as whether to handscrape frost from the windshield or consume extra gasoline running the motor and the defroster does its thing, whether to be the first one to appear wearing a topcoat or to trust to a heavier sweater, to mower the grass one more time or let it be so the remaining grasshoppers can nestle in a forest of green.

The recent death of the noted Historian, Bruce Catton, recalls that his Pulitzer prize winning book, A **Stillness at Appomattox**, focused the attention of a new generation upon our town and county. Also, to remember that he was the featured speaker at the Civil War Centennial observance here in 1965. I have a large picture of Catton on the wall in My Den.

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Guess what I found on one of my rare clean-up days in abovementioned Den? A genuine Confederate two dollar bill. No, I did not "find" it on a corner of it but I suspect it is worth more today than when issued in 1862.

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Coming up this week, a Friday the thirteenth. Next one not until April, 1979. Take it easy.

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Studies have shown that Orange is a top color for visual targets. So . . . why not orange-colored catcher's mits in baseball?

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Also on the wall in My Den is a picture of the high school baseball team I coached in 1927. Vernon Mason, Claude Ewell, Emory Richrds, Rodney Berry, Lewis Littleston, John Wise, David Gardner, Clifton Boole, Irving Littleston and Whatahisname Kilmon. Only ten boys on the squad, so there wasn't much "going to the bench" like modern teams are able to do. Fortunately, two of the boys were pitchers, one a lefty.

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ACHS footballers host Jefferson Forest this week. Homecoming parade an added attraction.

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Thanks to the Bible, most of us know more about Israel than about Egypt, so I found a large volume of Egyptian literature and started reading about Hymns, Litanies, Invocations, The Book of The Dead, Cuneiform Writings and Egyptian Tales. Most interesting, but I prefer The Bible.

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Many local fans root for the Washington Redskins. Only time I ever was present for a Redskin game was at old Griffith Stadium and Sammy Baugh was slinging passes. But the thing I recall most was the difficulty in getting a parking place for your car while at the game at Georgia and Florida avenue. Maybe it is better at Stadium. And maybe Joe Theismann is better than Slinging Sam.

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Get your rakes ready, for soon will be leaf-raking time in Ole Appomattox. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Second Public Forum On Drug Education

The second in a series of three public forums on drug education is scheduled Tuesday, October 17, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Appomattox County High School.

Parents are urged to come to the meeting and bring their children with them. The presentation and discussion will focus on ways to work with youth to avoid drug abuse. It is a topic which will be of assistance to parents, school personnel and community agencies.

Jeanne L. Bentley, Supervisor, Drug Education, State Department of Education, will be the main speaker for the meeting. With her background of experiences, the audience can be assured that very helpful and informative information will be presented.

The series of three torums is sponsored by Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, Appomattox County PTA's, Appomattox County School Board, Appomattox County Sheriff's Department, Appomattox County Social Services Department, Community Drug Education Committee. Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and Virginia State Police.

Roland Murphy, Chairman of the Drug Education Committee, has coordinated the resources available in planning the forums. He is available to answer questions and may be reached at 352-8224.

Bike-A-Thon Set For Sunday

Miss Kathy Johnson
Celebrity Chairman

The members of the Appomattox County 4-H Clubs will lead off the Bike-A-Thon at 2 p.m. Sunday and they have announced that Miss Kathy Johnson, newly crowned "Miss Appomattox", will serve as the Celebrity Chairman. Kathy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Johnson of Appomattox.

The Bike-A-Thon is sponsored annually by the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society in an effort to raise funds that will help in the fight against cancer. The Bike-A-Thon will be held Sunday, October 15th, beginning at 2 p.m.

The same route as in previous years will be followed. A picture of the map was in the October 5, 1978 edition of the Times-Virginian.

All persons interested in participating in the Bike-A-Thon may get an entry blank at Appomattox County High School or at Appomattox Middle School from the office of the principal.

We hope for a lot of riders and a lot of money for this is one way we can all be a part of the fight against cancer. We hope you plan to ride the 10-mile route and that you get many sponsors.

PSAT/NMSQT Exam For October 24 At ACHS

The Guidance Department at ACHS, has announced that juniors will be able to join over one million other students around the world in taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (APSAT/NMSQT) this fall. The test, co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is an important step in making college plans.

Scheduled for October 24, at ACHS, the PSAT/NMSQT measures verbal and mathematical aptitude -- two abilities important in doing college work. The test can also lead to other opportunities for high school students. For example, students can ask to participate in the College Board's Student Search Service which helps colleges learn about students like them.

By taking the PSAT/NMSQT, they can enter the competition for scholarships administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and can get a good idea of what the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is like.

Along with their score reports, students will receive a copy of ABOUT YOUR PSAT/NMSQT SCORES, a booklet that contains valuable how-to information about: estimating SAT scores; finding out where to get and how to use detailed information about colleges and financial aid; and planning for financing a college education.

Also, students can use the College Board's College Handbook, to compare their scores with those of enrolled students at more than 2,800 colleges and universities.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

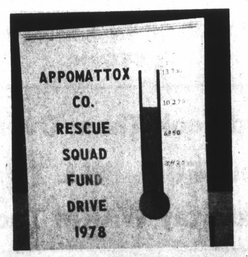
The Appomattox Lions Club will be meeting tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

W.R.S. "Bob" Curtis, District Governor for this district, will be making his official visit to the Appomattox Lions Club at this meeting. A banker from Petersburg, he is a member of the Petersburg Lions Club.

Sam W. Green of Lynchburg, Zone Chairman, will accompany Mr. Curtis.

The Board of Directors will meet with the District Governor immediately following the regular meeting.

All members will want to be present for this important meeting.



MEMBERS OF THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ARE QUITE PLEASED TO DATE WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO THEIR ANNUAL Fund Drive. With the goal set at $13,700, members had received, as of Monday morning, a total of $9,998.73.

If you have not made your donation and would like to do so, you may donate to any member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad or mail in your contribution to Appomattox County Rescue Squad - Fund Drive, P.O. Box 57, Appomattox, Virginia 24522.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the Football Contest sponsored by local businesses have been announced by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for the contest in the October 5th edition of this newspaper.

With the William & Mary - Temple game ending in a tie, we counted the total games at 22 rather than the 23 listed in the contest.

M. W. Doss of Route 4, Appomattox and Nellwyn Morris of Route 3, Appomattox each had predicted 20 of the 22 games correctly.

Going to the "tie-breaker" for a winner, both Mr. Doss and Mrs. Morris gave Appomattox a 12 point lead over Brookville in the first game of the tie-breaker. Going to the second game in the tie-breaker for a winner, LSU won over Florida by 13 points. M. W. Doss, with a 5 point difference from the actual score is winner of the first place prize and with a 6 point difference, Mrs. Morris is second place winner. First place winner will receive a check in the amount of $10.00 from the TIMES VIRGINIAN and second place winner will receive a check in the amount of $5.00.

Be sure and enter the contest in this issue of the TIMES-VIRGINIAN. YOU just may be the winner next week.

Resident Engineer T. E. Pittman Addresses Oakville Ruritans

Mr. T. E. Pittman, Resident Engineer, Virginia Department of Highways and transportation, Appomattox, Va., spoke to the Oakville Ruritan Club at their regular meeting on October 5. His subject was "Changes in the Law," brought about by House Bill 1041, as it relates to the Secondary Roads, and also comments about the Appomattox By-Pass.

He noted certain improvements on Route 26, a Primary, as well as its basic fault of insufficient base, whereby heavy trucks are making it a maintenance problem. He noted that the Department has built a number of dirt roads, and surface treated others, locally; in all, about 50 miles of road have been upgraded.

Mr. Pittman outlined the continuing Six - Year Plan, whereby plans are made six years in advance and added to each year, so there is always a proposed schedule for six years. He stressed that under the new law, the Board of Supervisors have the right to make changes in the Plan. Based on current changes in the situation, as reflected by excess of building, both private and commercial, in any certain area, these sections may be pulled out of, say, the five-year category, and advanced to the two-year, or even one-year, category. This can work in reverse also, based on the needs as determined by the Board of Supervisors and the Department. The traffic count on a section of road is the final argument for priorities.

Budget Hearings are held in the Fall and Spring, and people are urged to attend these hearings, and contribute input. This is the best way to secure cooperation and obtain realistic priorities. Mr. Pittman noted that the present trend is to get the people involved in the making of these decisions.

According to latest advices, the Appomattox By-Pass is almost to the Public Hearing stage, which may be held in November or December; at any rate, soon. The funds for this are another matter; but Mr. Pittman said that Appomattox has had a good representation at the Allocation Hearings in Lynchburg over the last two years. The projected cost of the By-Pass is in excess of $7,000,000 for construction alone. The alignment and grade are pretty well finalized, and plans may be seen at Mr. Pittman's office. Changes, if any, are anticipated to be minor.

Eastern Star to Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held Monday, October 16 in the chapter room at 8 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Virginia T. Ferguson, Sec't

Homecoming "Game" Ball To Be Given Away Friday

Would you like to take home the Homecoming Football Game "game ball"? You just may be the one to win this keepsake Friday night when the Raiders meet Jefferson-Forest at their Homecoming Game.

Once again members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad will offer chances, 25c each or 5 for $1.00, on the game ball. This is the only money making project sponsored by the rescue squad members and the money made on the "game football" is used for a dinner for members when they have their installation of officers for the new year. No monies from the General Fund are used for the pleasure of members, all donations go for the operation of the squad.

Won't you please bring an extra dollar or two to the Friday night game and donate it for this purpose . . . you may be the winner of the "game football". Tickets will be sold prior to the game at both gates. The winning ticket will be drawn at half-time activities and announced at this time. The winner of the football will get the ball to take home at the end of the game.

The donation of the "game ball" is made possible through the cooperation of the Athletic Department and Jerry Robinson, Athletic Director at ACHS.

We Salute

Clubs

Town Hears Request To Approve Construction of 48-Unit Apartment Complex

WHO WILL BE HOMECOMING QUEEN? Pictured above are the three seniors selected by their class to run for Homecoming Queen. The Queen will be selected by the entire student body at Appomattox County High School and crowned during half-time activities of the Raider Jefferson-Forest football game. Pictured above are the candidates, left to right, Shelby Dunnam, Beth Carter, and Cheryl Conner.

At the Monday night meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, members heard a request from Mr. Don Brown, President of Virten, Ltd., for permission to construct a 48 unit apartment complex, if FmHA approved, adjacent to the corporate limits of the Town of Appomattox.

If approved by FmHA and the Town of Appomattox, Virten, Ltd. would partition the Town of Appomattox to annex the apartment complex making it a part of the Town of Appomattox.

The proposed rental housing project, under the Farmers Home Administration, would be privately operated and apartments would be rented to persons with income of at least $6,000.00 and not exceeding $16,000.00. This income range would not apply to persons over 62 years of age nor handicapped persons.

Looking to rural areas, Appomattox appears to have a need for this type of development, especially if you take into consideration the number of citizens who are over 62 years of age.

The Town of Appomattox would have to provide water supply and sewage before the project can be considered further.

No action was taken on the matter by council at this time.

William W. Hibbert, III, Executive Director of Central Virginia Planning District Commission, appeared before council to discuss the purposes of CVPDC and the services they make available.

It was reported to council by the Water Committee that the final payment on the water storage tank has been made.

In other business, council approved a $200.00 contribution to the Chamber of Commerce for financial assistance in the printing of Appomattox County brochures.

Vinnie Volturo appeared before council to request, on behalf of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, use of the large town meeting room for Sunday morning church services until other arrangements could be made.

The large meeting room is set aside entirely for the use of the firemen and the decision as to the use will have to be made by the members of the Appomattox Fire Department.

ACHS Homecoming October 13th

The annual Appomattox County High School Homecoming activities will be held on October 13-14. The Raiders will play Jefferson-Forest Cavaliers at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 13th. During half-time, the ACHS band will perform and the Homecoming Queen and Court will be presented.

Earlier in the day, a parade will be held through downtown Appomattox beginning at 5 p.m.

On Saturday evening a Homecoming Dance will be held at ACHS from 8:00 - 12:00 midnight. "Barnstorm" of Staunton will provide music.

Members of the Homecoming Court have been selected by the student body. Representing the Senior Class and vying for Homecoming Queen are Beth Carter, Cheryl Conner, and Shelby Dunnam. Junior Princesses are Gloria Hodges and Annette Carter. Lisa Wenning and Kim Wade are the Sophomore Class representatives and Angie Ferguson and Angie Woods are Freshman Princesses.

The Student Council Association is coordinating all Homecoming activities. Students, alumni, and ACHS boosters are encouraged to "Get the Raider Spirit" and participate in the homecoming activities.

Local Rescue Squad Answers 75 Calls in Month

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 75 emergency calls during the month of September of 1978. In responding to three automobile accidents, five persons were given first aid at the scene and eleven persons were monitored on the EKG equipment en route to a hospital.

In responding to the 75 emergency calls, members spent 336¾ manhours and travelled a total of 3,103 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: illness, 14; wrecks, 3; broken bones, 3; industrial accidents, 1; heart attacks, 7; hemmorage, 1; breathing difficulty, 5; transports at doctor request, 6; bee sting, 1; false calls responded to, 3; drunk, 1; emotional illness, 1; overdose, 5; tick bite, 1; cuts, 2; chest pains, 3; fall from truck, 1; football injuries, 4; maternity, 2; poison ivy, 1; stroke, 1; fight, 1; hit by car, 1; fell out of bed, 1; heat stroke, 1; dead on arrival, 3; and convulsion, 1.

In reading the above, you can see that many of these calls were not a true emergency. The local volunteers get a lot of calls such as these.

In addition to answering the above calls, members spent 55 hours on stand-by at varsity, junior varsity, and little league football games. Eighteen hours were spent on-stand-by at the Railroad Festival Air Show, 4 hours were spent in a parade, and 42 hours were spent by members at the Five County Fair on stand-by.

R. David Jones To Receive Police Award

A state police sergeant assigned to the investigation division has been selected as one of the honorable mentions in the 13th annual Police Service Awards, sponsored by Parade magazine and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

R. David Jones, 50, who lives near Ashland, received the award Tuesday night in New York at the 85th annual IACP conference.

Jones, a former resident of Appomattox, will be remembered by his many friends in the area. "Dave" and his wife, Ann, were residents of Appomattox for a number of years and their three children, Betsy, Patsy, and David, were all graduates of Appomattox County High School.

An article about Parade's Policeman of the Year and 11 policemen who received honorable mentions was in the October 8, 1978 edition of that magazine.

Jones was selected on the basis of his persuading a man with a gun to surrender last October 14th after the man barricaded himself in a garade on U.S. 1 near Parham Road in Henrico County and of his talking a 15-year old King and Queen County youth to surrender after he attempted to hijack a jet April 1 at Byrd International Airport.

Fruit Cakes For Sale

It's "Fruit Cake" time! The Appomattox Lions Club is again offering for sale Benson's Fruit Cake. They are available at almost any store or business office in Appomattox; the cost is $4.50 and they are delicious.

Buy a fruit cake and support the Lions in the many civic projects they undertake and complete each year.

Town Residents Must Keep Their Premises Clear

It is the duty of the occupant of any land or premises in the Town of Appomattox to cut weeds, bushes, grass or other vegation that may be offensive to the town or may obstruct vision of motorists.

Failure to keep your land or premises clear is in violation with the Town Ordinance.

If you have any questions, please contact your Town Manager, W. R. Britton, Jr.

BOOSTERS CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The ACHS Boosters Club will meet Monday night, October 16th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

All members are encouraged to attend.

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